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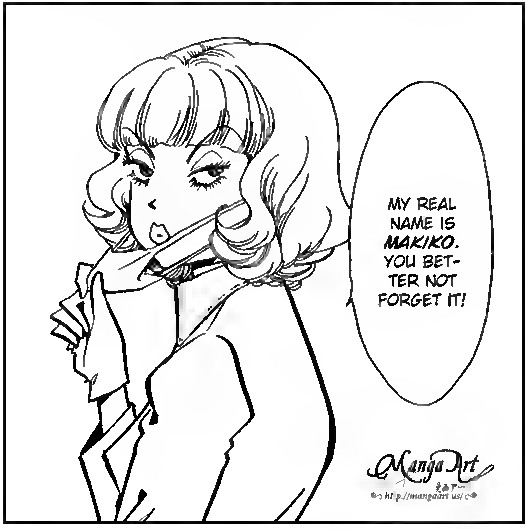

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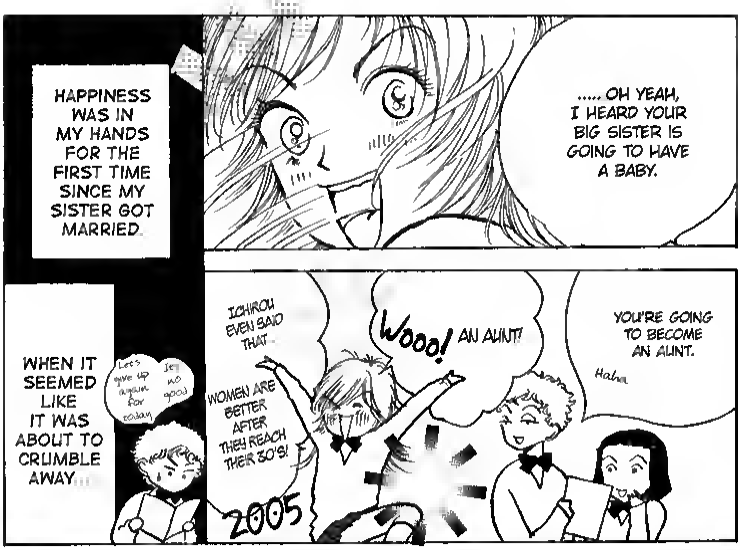
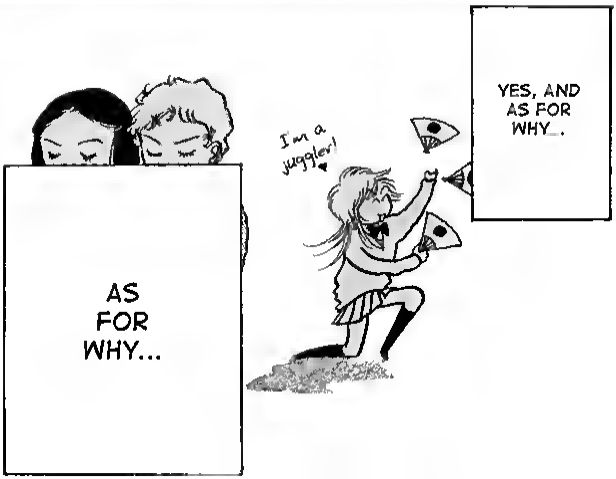
A FUTURE SO BRIGHT...
THAT IT HURTS MY EYES A LITTLE.
AHH, I CAN SEE IT.
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEEP BLUE SKY...
ALL LOOK KIND TO ME.
THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET...
AND THEY'RE STRONGLY, STRONGLY LIVING.
THE ROADSIDE FLOWERS ARE START-ING TO BLOOM...
LIKE WHEN YOU START TO BECOME THANKFUL FOR HEALTH AFTER BEING SICK.
OR WHEN TERRORISTS STRIKE! AND YOU REFLECT ANEW ON HOW WONDERFUL PEACE IS.

AHH...
HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO LIVE.
HAPPINESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL IT IS, IS A GOOD THING, ISN'T IT?
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!!

SFX: <WOOO?
ふーお
2005 rules!!
LOOK HOW MY HIPS ARE MOVING, MY ENGINE IS RUNNING AGAIN TODAY!
SHE'S IN HIGH SPIRITS AGAIN TODAY...
HOW ANNOY-ING.
SFX: <BACKS AWAY>
ドンビき
THE FORMULA TO REACH THE SOLUTION IS $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ $(a \neq 0)$!
I LOVE TESTS!!
HOW LUCKY!!
This'll lower your spirits
HEY YOU, WE HAVE A TEST TODAY.


HAPPINESS WAS IN MY HANDS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MY SISTER GOT MARRIED.
..... OH YEAH, I HEARD YOUR BIG SISTER IS GOING TO HAVE A BABY.
WHEN IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS ABOUT TO CRUMBLE AWAY...
Let's give up against for today.
It's no good.
ICHIROU EVEN SAID THAT...
WOMEN ARE BETTER AFTER THEY REACH THEIR 30'S!
2005
Wooo! AN AUNT!
YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME AN AUNT.
Haha

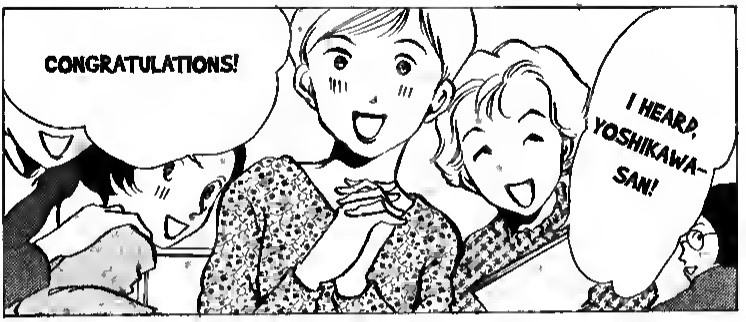
PRESERVED MY HAPPINESS.
AND BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE...
MY SISTER MIRACULOUSLY BECAME PREGNANT...

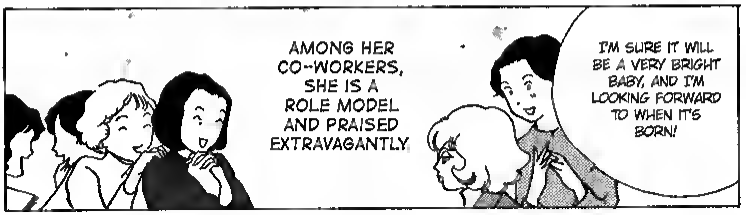

AS FOR WHY...
I'm a juggler!
YES, AND AS FOR WHY...

SFX: <TAP TAP TAP>

IT'S BE-
CAUSE MY
SISTER IS
A WORLD-
CLASS
DEMON.

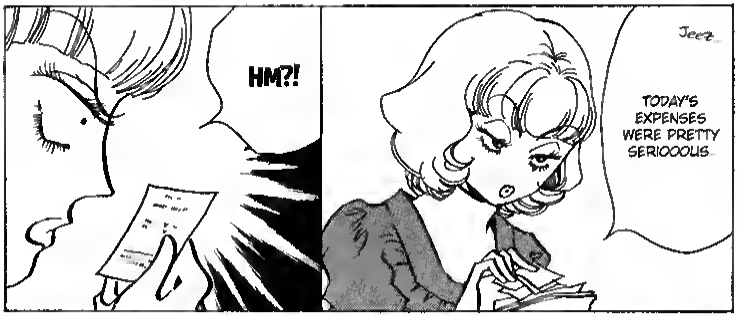
SHE WORKS IN A GOVERNMENT OFFICE RUNNING THIS COUNTRY.
IT'S SOMETHING OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN GRAPPLING WITH LATELY, ISN'T IT?
THIS WILL HELP WITH THE DECLINING BIRTH RATE.
I HEARD I SHOULD BE CONGRATULATING YOU, YOSHIKAWA-SAN!
I HEARD!
SHE'S A CAREER WOMAN, FLAWLESSLY EXECUTING HER JOB, AND WITH AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION.
HOW WONDERFUL!
SFX: <crowd>
SHE IS EXTREMELY BELOVED BY HER SUPERIORS.
I'M VERY GRATEFUL.
I'D LIKE TO GET YOU A CONGRATULATORY GIFT. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED.

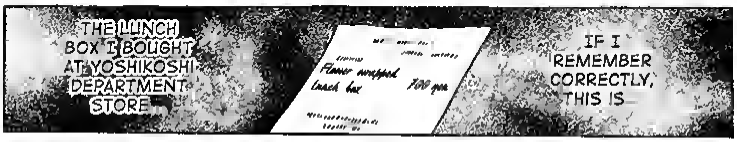

CONGRATULATIONS!
I HEARD, YOSHIKAWA-SAN!

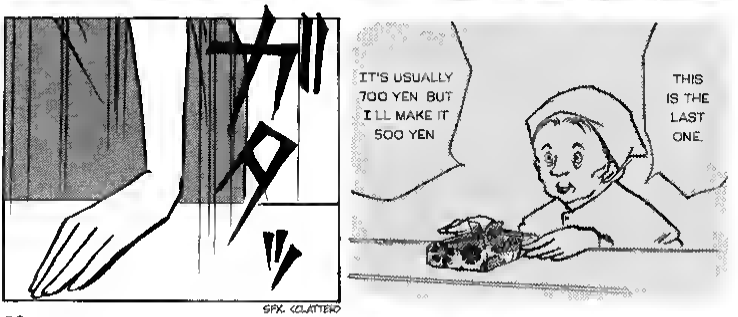

AMONG HER CO-WORKERS, SHE IS A ROLE MODEL AND PRAISED EXTRAVAGANTLY.
I'M SURE IT WILL BE A VERY BRIGHT BABY, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WHEN IT'S BORN!

HER HUSBAND GRADUATED FROM T. UNIVERSITY.
AH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
HEY, CONGRATULATIONS, YOSHIKAWA-SAN!
AND IS AN ELITE WORKING AS A HIGH-LEVEL BUREAUCRAT.

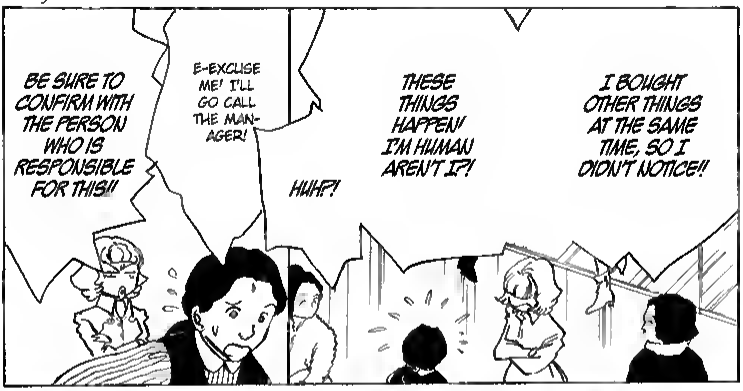
BUT HER TRUE NATURE IS...

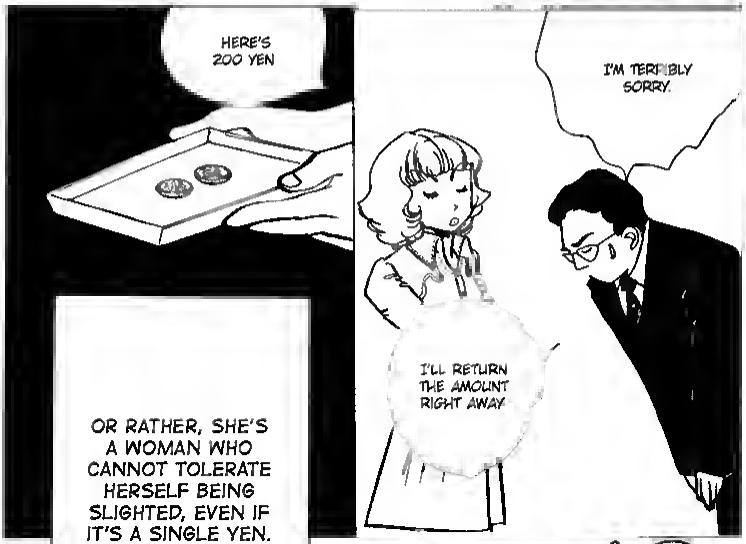






SFX: <FWIP>
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE 500 YEN FOR ME!!
OH— BUT—
THIS RECEIPT IS FROM MORE THAN A MONTH AGO
HUH?
EXCUSE ME!! THIS RECEIPT IS IN ERROR!!


BE SURE TO CONFIRM WITH THE PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!!
E-EXCUSE ME! I'LL GO CALL THE MANAGER!
HUHP!
THESE THINGS HAPPEN! I'M HUMAN AREN'T I?!
I BOUGHT OTHER THINGS AT THE SAME TIME, SO I DIDN'T NOTICE!!


HERE'S 200 YEN
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.
I'LL RETURN THE AMOUNT RIGHT AWAY
OR RATHER, SHE'S A WOMAN WHO CANNOT TOLERATE HERSELF BEING SLIGHTED, EVEN IF IT'S A SINGLE YEN.

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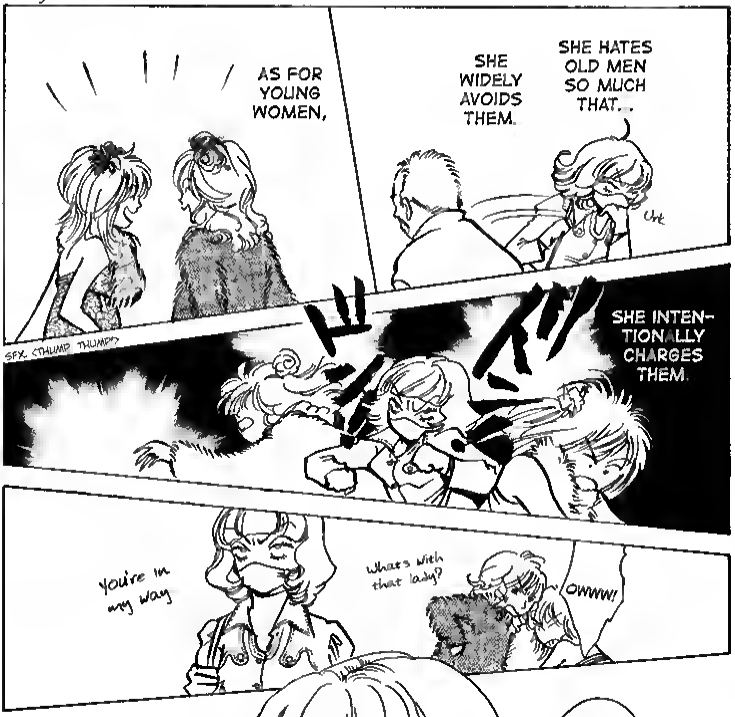
SHE'S A TOUGH WOMAN
STUBBORNLY, SHAMELESSLY, AND WITH A STRONG WILL
IN THIS WORLD, SHE LIVES
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF CROWD MY SISTER IS IN
SHE NOTICEABLY STANDS OUT.
AN IRON WALL OF AN AURA THAT EVEN THE RUFFIANS ON THE STREET DON'T COME NEAR
Always wears a mask in a crowd
HER UNSEEMLY AURA IS



MY SISTER HAS A DELUSION THAT SHE IS A DOCILE, FRAGILE WOMAN.

I WONDER WHY NO ONE HANDS ME ANY FLYERS

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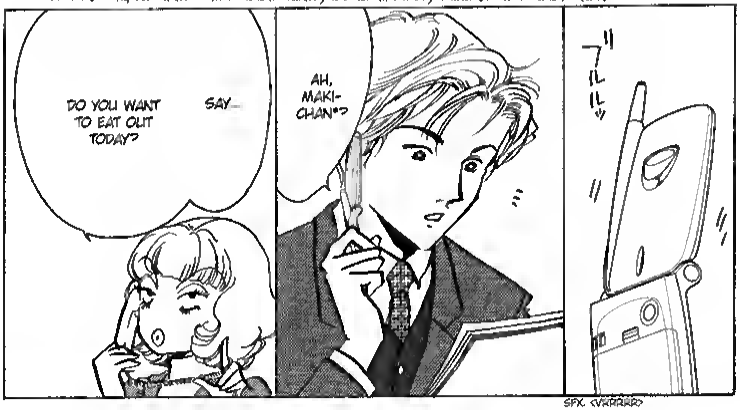
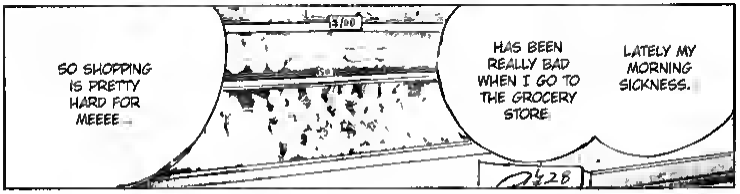
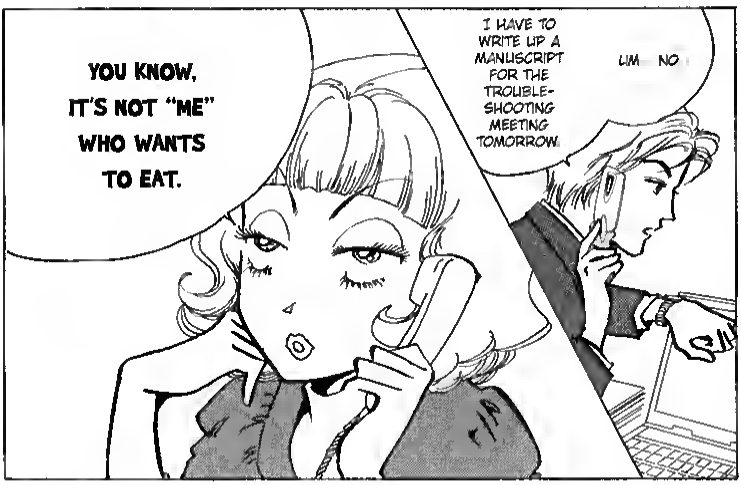
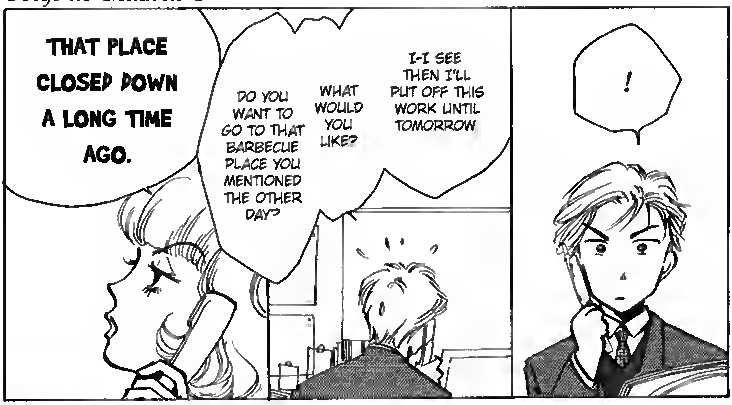
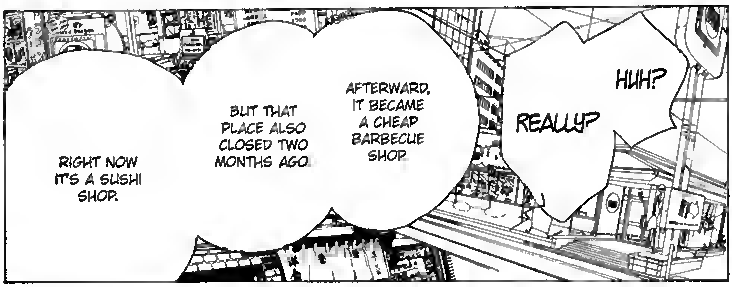







THAT PLACE CLOSED DOWN A LONG TIME AGO.
DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THAT BARBECUE PLACE YOU MENTIONED THE OTHER DAY?
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
I-I SEE THEN I'LL PUT OFF THIS WORK UNTIL TOMORROW
!

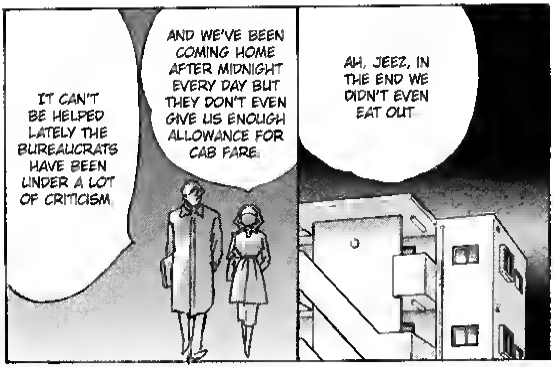

RIGHT NOW IT'S A SUSHI SHOP.
BUT THAT PLACE ALSO CLOSED TWO MONTHS AGO.
AFTERWARD, IT BECAME A CHEAP BARBECUE SHOP.
REALLY?
HUH?

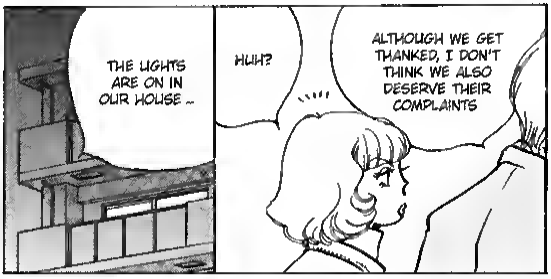
MY SISTER IS AN EXPERT ON THE DECLINE OF THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY.
.....

MY KIDS ARE IN NURSERY SCHOOL RIGHT NOW...
YES
AND IT'S ONLY OPEN UNTIL 8PM.
TODA-KUN, AGAIN?
WELL THEN, I'LL BE LEAVING FIRST
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
DIVIDE IT UP AMONGST YOURSELVES AND FINISH IT UP.
THEN I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU GUYS
HERE, YOSHIKAWA-KUN.
GIVE ME A BREAK. HOW MANY DAYS IN A ROW HAS IT BEEN?
WE GET TO SEE THE SUNRISE AGAIN.
AGGH.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

SHE'S CONTINUALLY KEEPING HER KIDS IN NURSERY SCHOOL.
SHE SHOULD JUST HURRY UP AND QUIT HER JOB AND BECOME A HOUSEWIFE.
SFX: <GOOOONG>
HAVE HER HUSBAND'S WAGES RAN?
LOT OF DEBT AND BECAUSE OF IT WE'RE...
Conversation from the ladies room
SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO WOULD NEVER GET HER OWN HANDS DIRTY.


IT CAN'T BE HELPED LATELY THE BUREAUCRATS HAVE BEEN UNDER A LOT OF CRITICISM
AND WE'VE BEEN COMING HOME AFTER MIDNIGHT EVERY DAY BUT THEY DON'T EVEN GIVE US ENOUGH ALLOWANCE FOR CAB FARE.
AH, JEEZ, IN THE END WE DIDN'T EVEN EAT OUT



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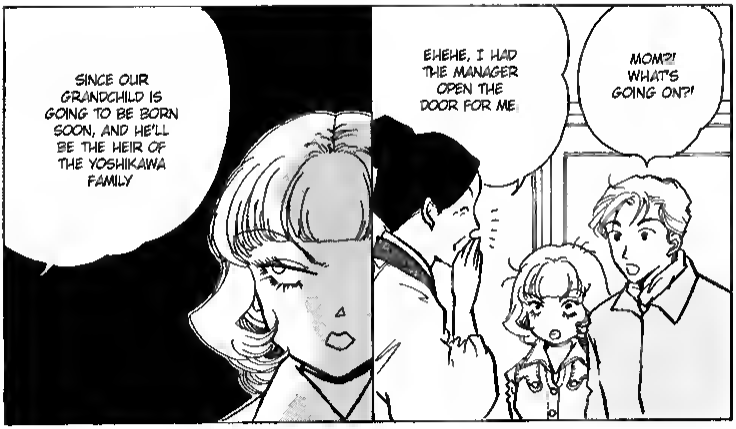
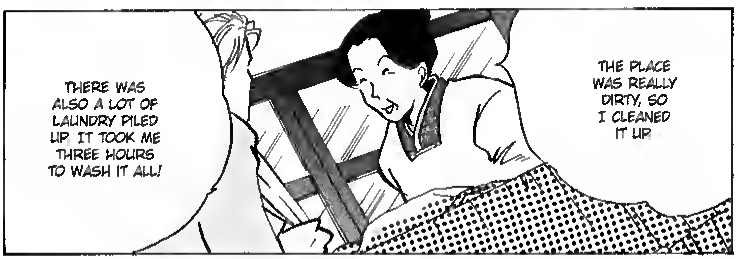
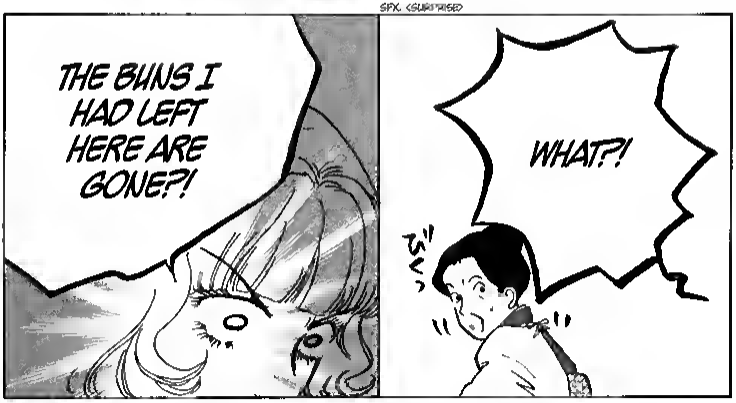

SINCE OUR GRANDCHILD IS GOING TO BE BORN SOON, AND HE'LL BE THE HEIR OF THE YOSHIKAWA FAMILY
EHEHE, I HAD THE MANAGER OPEN THE DOOR FOR ME
MOM?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!



SFX. <SURPRISED



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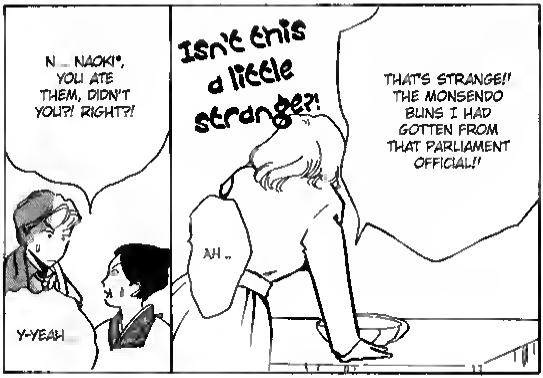
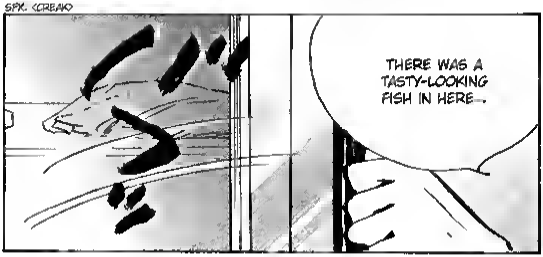

N... NAOKI*, YOU ATE THEM, DIDN'T YOU?! RIGHT?!
Y-YEAH...
Isn't this a little strange?!
AH..
THAT'S STRANGE!! THE MONSENDO BUNS I HAD GOTTEN FROM THAT PARLIAMENT OFFICIAL!!

SFX. <THUMP THUMP>

I WAS THINKING WE WOULD ALL EAT TOGETHER AFTER YOU TWO GOT HOME, SO I'LL MAKE SOMETHING NOW
ど" ど"
Y-YOU TWO MUST BE HUNGRY I HAVEN'T EATEN EITHER

SFX. <CREAK>



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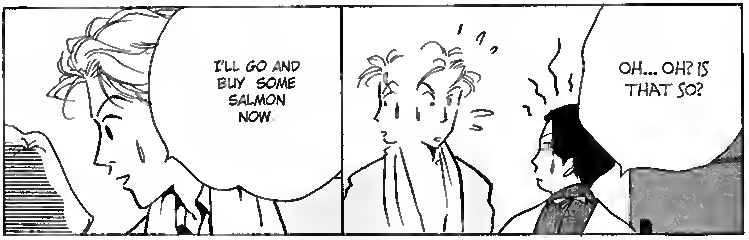
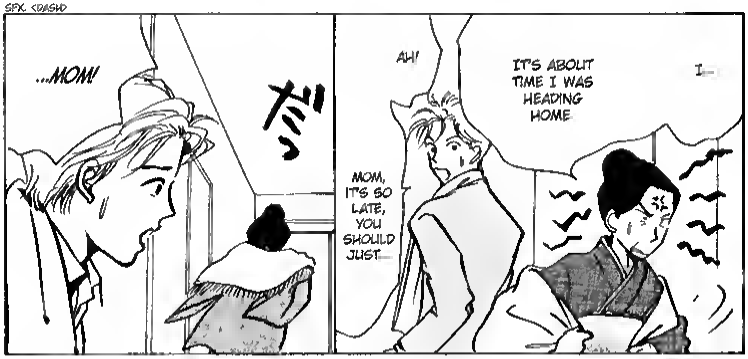
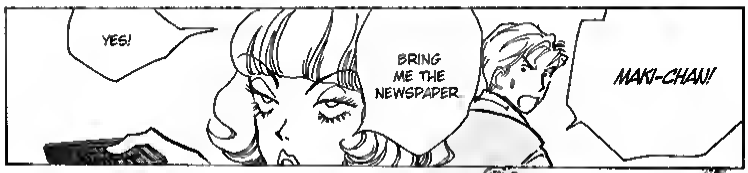


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S... A TOKISHIRAZU* FROM KIRITAPPU!
ARE YOU GOING TO GET ON A BOAT AND GO TO THE SEA OF OKHOTSK FOR HER?!

*Note: Tokishirazu, lit. "do not know the time" are salmon that lay eggs around May and July unlike other salmon laying eggs during fall, hence the name. They are caught in seas north of Japan (both Kiritappu and Sea of Okhotsk are in that region), and are rare, more delicious and expensive than regular salmon.





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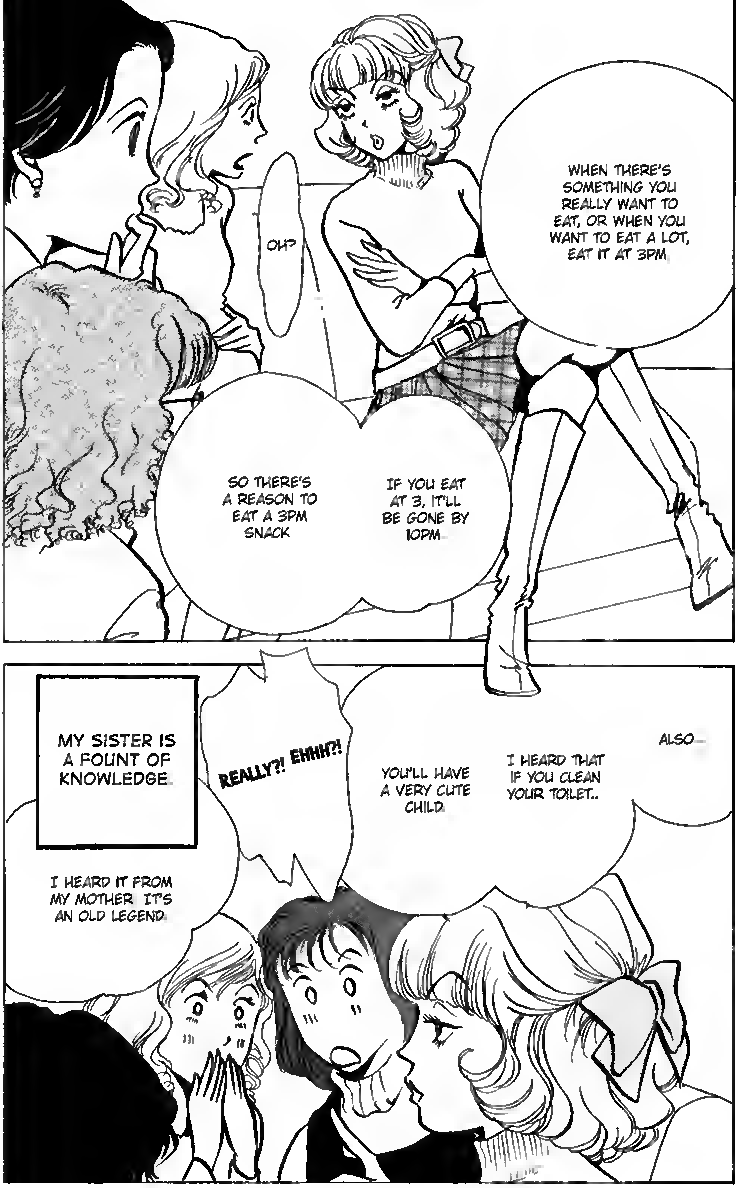
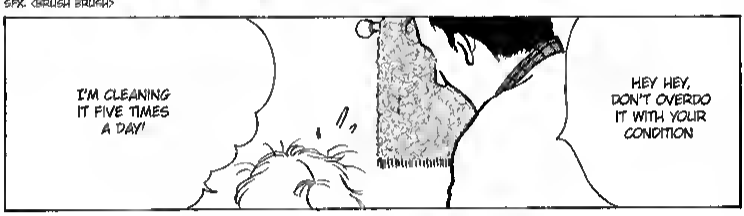
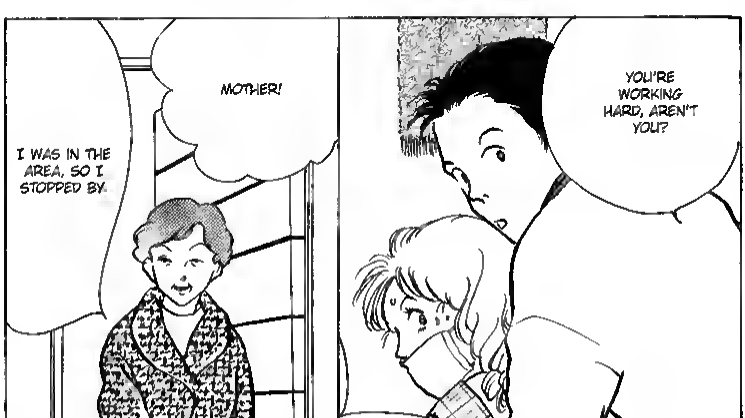
MOM, SHE'S TIRED FROM WORKING EVERY DAY, TOO. TRY TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THAT TOWARD SOMEONE WHO TOOK THE TROUBLE TO COME AND HELP?!
DON'T YOU MAKE FUN OF ME!
WELL, I'M NOT LOOKING AFTER THAT CHILD FOR A SINGLE SECOND!!
EVEN THOUGH WHEN THAT BABY IS BORN, SHE'LL BE LOOKING TO US
YOUR WIFE HAS BAD MANNERS.
THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT MY SISTER WAS AIMING FOR.
BUT THE THREE OF THEM DIDN'T REALIZE THAT...

Aogane Obstetric Clinic
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
NICE TO SEE YOU
YOSHI-KAWA-SAN!
OH! YOSHIKAWA-SAN! ♡
ME, TOO!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
SIX KILOS THIS MONTH.
I'VE ALREADY GAINED.
YOSHIKAWA-SAN, YOUR FIGURE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL!

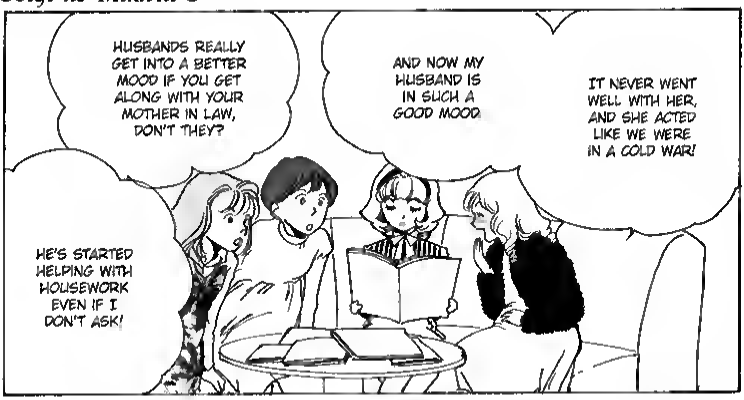

WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING YOU REALLY WANT TO EAT, OR WHEN YOU WANT TO EAT A LOT, EAT IT AT 3PM.
OH?
SO THERE'S A REASON TO EAT A 3PM SNACK
IF YOU EAT AT 3, IT'LL BE GONE BY 10PM.
MY SISTER IS A FOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE.
I HEARD IT FROM MY MOTHER. IT'S AN OLD LEGEND.
REALLY?! EHHH?!
YOU'LL HAVE A VERY CUTE CHILD.
I HEARD THAT IF YOU CLEAN YOUR TOILET..
ALSO—

SFX: <BRUSH BRUSH>

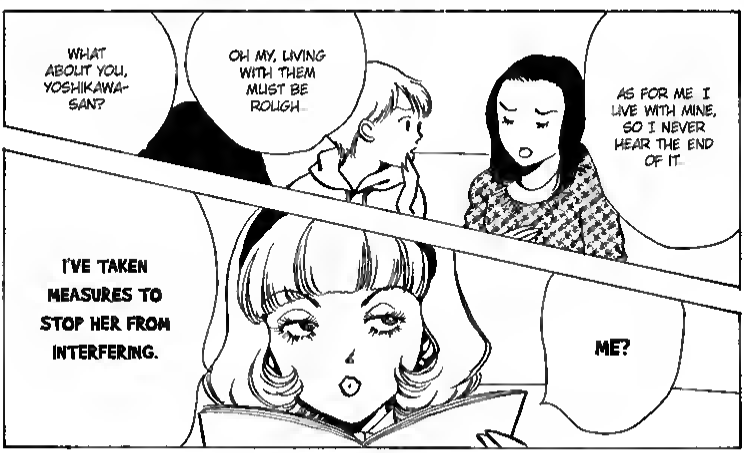


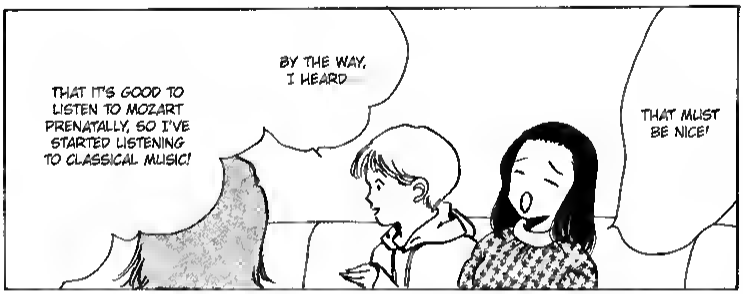


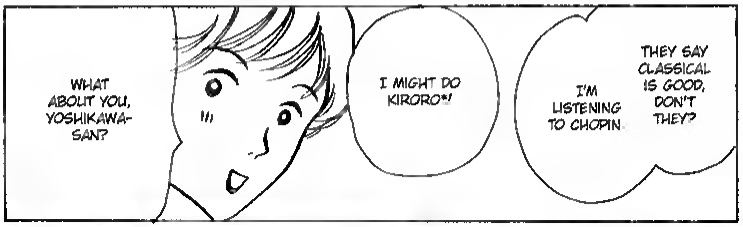
WE WORKED WHILE BEING PREGNANT.
HAHA, IN MY DAY,
YOUNG PEOPLE THESE DAYS HAVE IT EASY BECAUSE OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.
BOUGHT IT AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE
EAT THIS. I JUST
WELL... MOTHER...
I WON'T INTERFERE WITH YOU ANYMORE!
BUT YOU'LL BE OKAY!
MOTHER...
THANK YOU, YOSHIKAWA-SAN!


HUSBANDS REALLY GET INTO A BETTER MOOD IF YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR MOTHER IN LAW, DON'T THEY?
AND NOW MY HUSBAND IS IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD.
IT NEVER WENT WELL WITH HER, AND SHE ACTED LIKE WE WERE IN A COLD WAR!
HE'S STARTED HELPING WITH HOUSEWORK EVEN IF I DON'T ASK!

SFX: KIRA
MY SISTER HAS A CERTAIN NICKNAME.
WAH! A DIAMOND?!
LOOK!

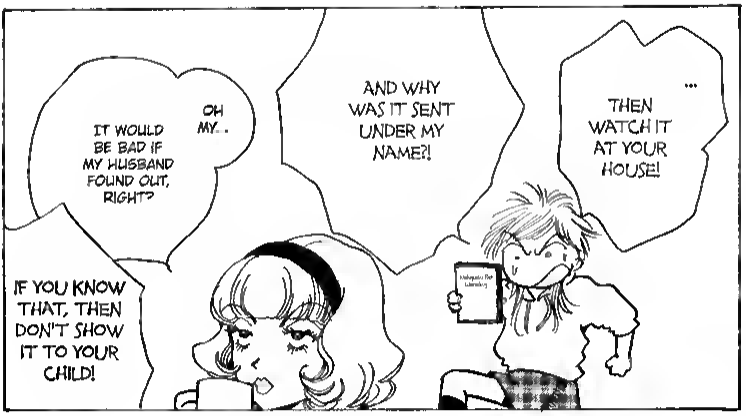

WHAT ABOUT YOU, YOSHIKAWA-SAN?
OH MY, LIVING WITH THEM MUST BE ROUGH.
AS FOR ME I LIVE WITH MINE, SO I NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT.
I'VE TAKEN MEASURES TO STOP HER FROM INTERFERING.
ME?

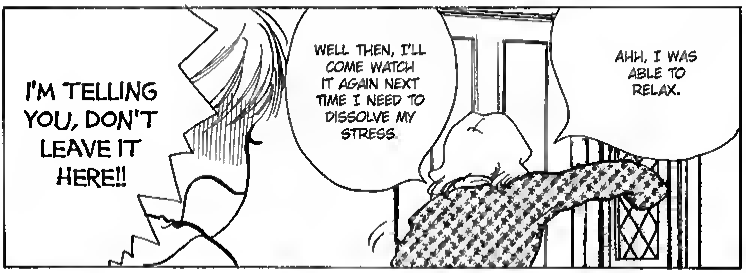

BY THE WAY, I HEARD...
THAT IT'S GOOD TO LISTEN TO MOZART PRENATALLY, SO I'VE STARTED LISTENING TO CLASSICAL MUSIC!
THAT MUST BE NICE!



*Note: Kiroro is a Japanese 2-person female band.

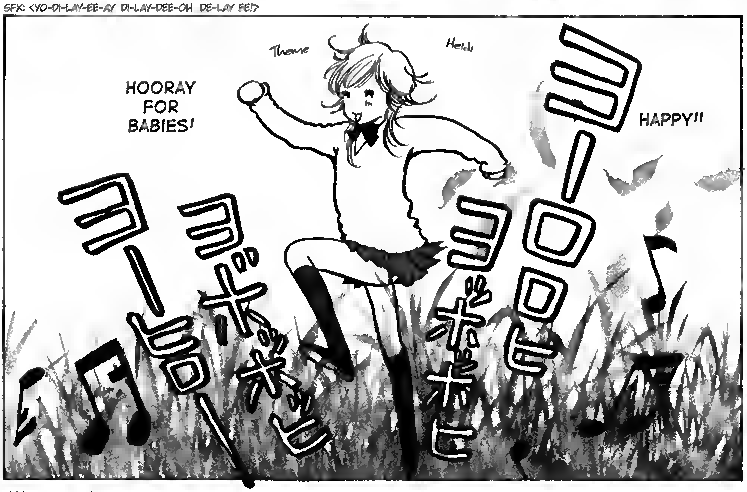
*Note: A Japanese comedian mocking pro wrestlers


OH MY..
IT WOULD BE BAD IF MY HUSBAND FOUND OUT, RIGHT?
IF YOU KNOW THAT, THEN DON'T SHOW IT TO YOUR CHILD!
AND WHY WAS IT SENT UNDER MY NAME?!
...
THEN WATCH IT AT YOUR HOUSE!

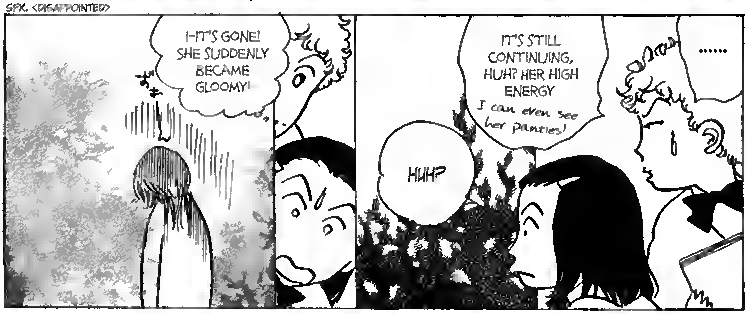

I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T LEAVE IT HERE!!
WELL THEN, I'LL COME WATCH IT AGAIN NEXT TIME I NEED TO DISSOLVE MY STRESS.
AHH, I WAS ABLE TO RELAX.

SFX: <WHOOSH>
WATCHING HER BACK ON HER WAY OUT THE DOOR...
LATER...
AS ALWAYS, WHENEVER MY SISTER WOULD COME BACK HOME, SHE WOULD STICK TO HER OWN WAY OF DOING THINGS!!

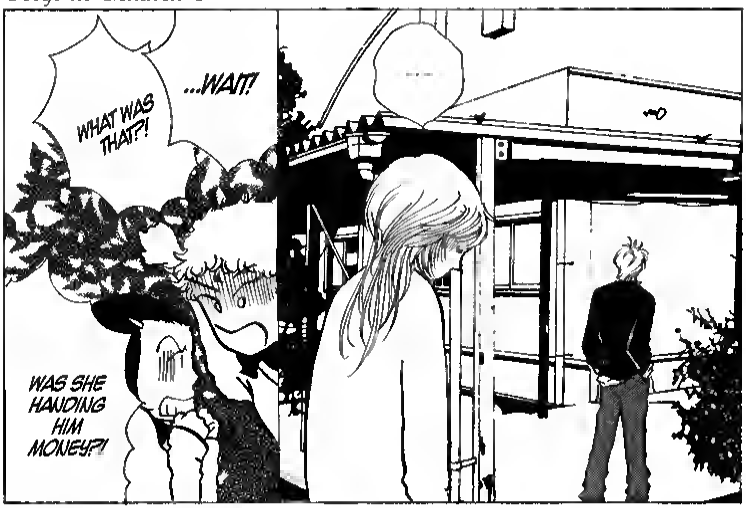
SFX: <YO-OH-LAY-BE-AY YI-LAY-DEE-OH DE-LAY PE?>



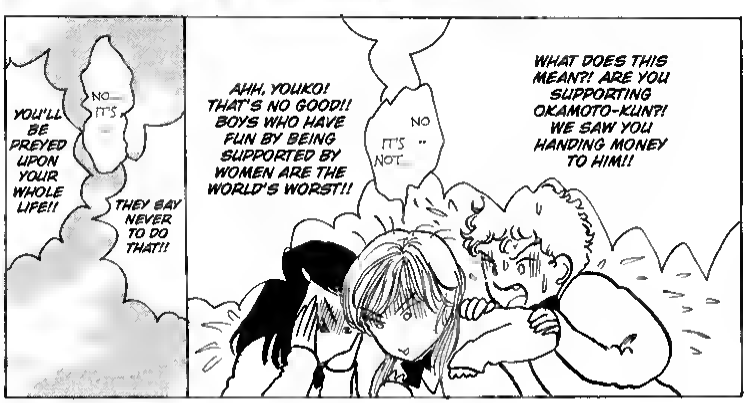
SFX: <DISAPPOINTED>

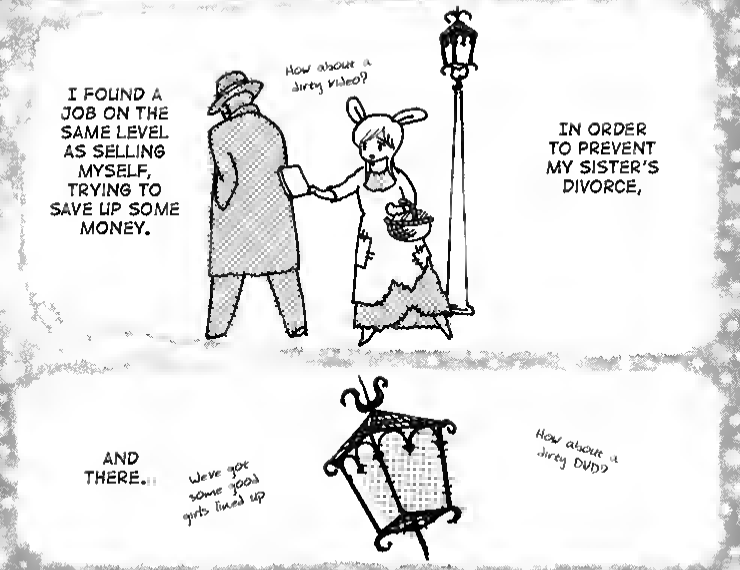


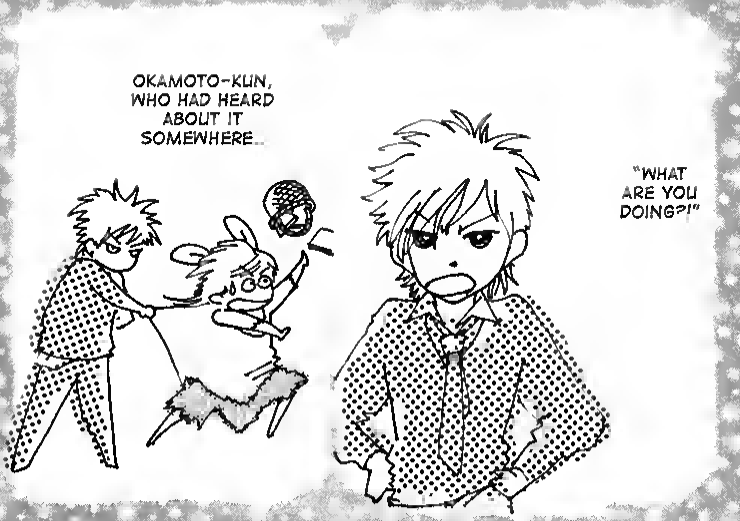
THIS IS ALL I HAVE THIS WEEK...
DID YOU BRING IT?
SFX. <SNAP>
...
YOU'RE BROKE!
WELL, NEXT WEEK THEN

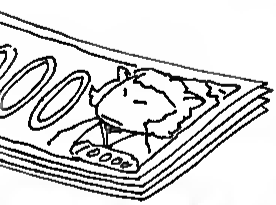

...WAIT!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
WAS SHE HANDING HIM MONEY?!

SFX: <RUSTLE>
YOUKO!


YOU'LL BE PREYED UPON YOUR WHOLE LIFE!!
NO... IT'S...
THEY SAY NEVER TO DO THAT!!
AHH, YOUKO! THAT'S NO GOOD!! BOYS WHO HAVE FUN BY BEING SUPPORTED BY WOMEN ARE THE WORLD'S WORST!!
NO IT'S NOT...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?! ARE YOU SUPPORTING OKAMOTO-KUN?! WE SAW YOU HANDING MONEY TO HIM!!


I FOUND A JOB ON THE SAME LEVEL AS SELLING MYSELF, TRYING TO SAVE UP SOME MONEY.
How about a dirty video?
IN ORDER TO PREVENT MY SISTER'S DIVORCE,
AND THERE...
We've got some good girls lined up
How about a dirty DVD?


OKAMOTO-KUN, WHO HAD HEARD ABOUT IT SOMEWHERE...
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!"



IN THE END..

PREACHED TO ME, "WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS A CRIME. DO YOU WANT TO BE DRAGGED TO THE POLICE WITH THEM?"

I RESISTED, SAYING THAT I COULDN'T ACCEPT SO MUCH, BUT HE DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION.

HE LENT ME 40,000 YEN.

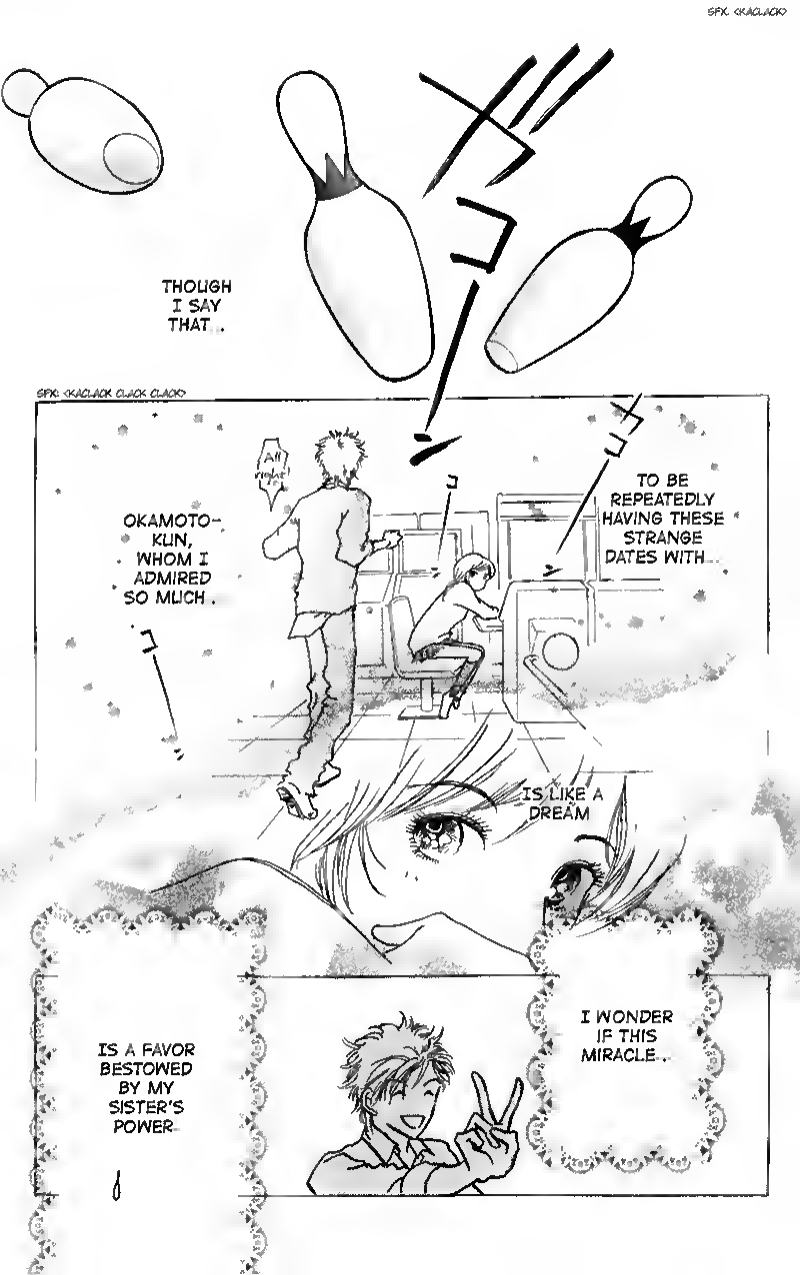
TO COLLECT ON HIS LOAN

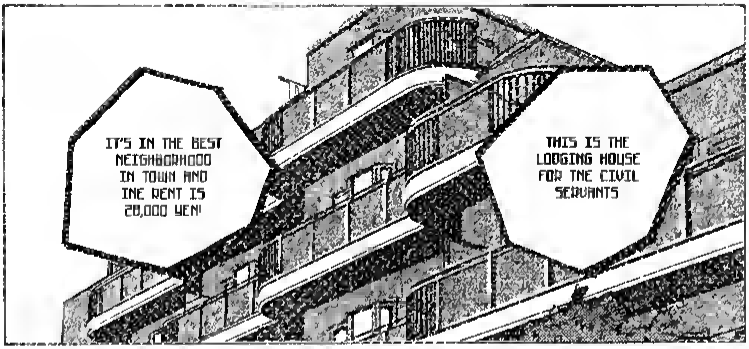
IN EXCHANGE, EVERY WEEK HE APPEARS..

AND MY PEACEFUL LIFE WAS PRESERVED.

THANKS TO THAT MONEY, ANE AND HER HUSBAND WERE ABLE TO MAKE UP..

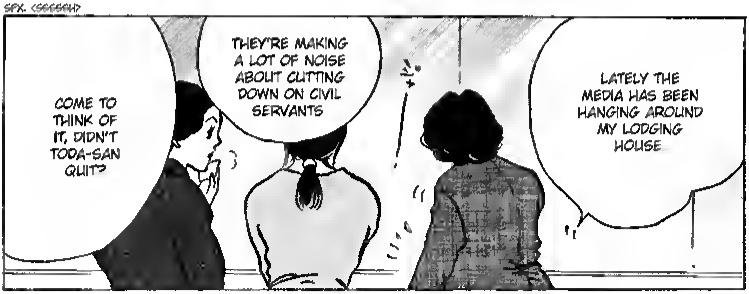
FamilyMart
WE'VE BEEN REPEATEDLY HAVING THESE CLANDESTINE MEETINGS.
EVEN IF OKAMOTO-KUN AND I DON'T LIKE IT...
AND THAT'S WHY...
LET'S GO BOWLING OR SOMETHING WITH THIS MONEY.
ABOUT HOW MUCH CAN YOU SCORE?
WHEN I WENT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE RECENTLY,
I WAS REEEEEALLY BAD, AND I SERIOUSLY GOT OVERWHELMED.
WITH MY MONEY...
IT'S MY MONEY.


SFX: <KACLACK>
THOUGH I SAY THAT..
SFX: <KACLACK CLACK CLACK>
AH
TODAY
OKAMOTO-KUN, WHOM I ADMIRED SO MUCH..
TO BE REPEATEDLY HAVING THESE STRANGE DATES WITH..
IS LIKE A DREAM
I WONDER IF THIS MIRACLE..
IS A FAVOR BESTOWED BY MY SISTER'S POWER.


IT'S IN THE BEST NEIGHBORHOOD IN TOWN AND THE RENT IS 20,000 YEN!
THIS IS THE LODGING HOUSE FOR THE CIVIL SERVANTS

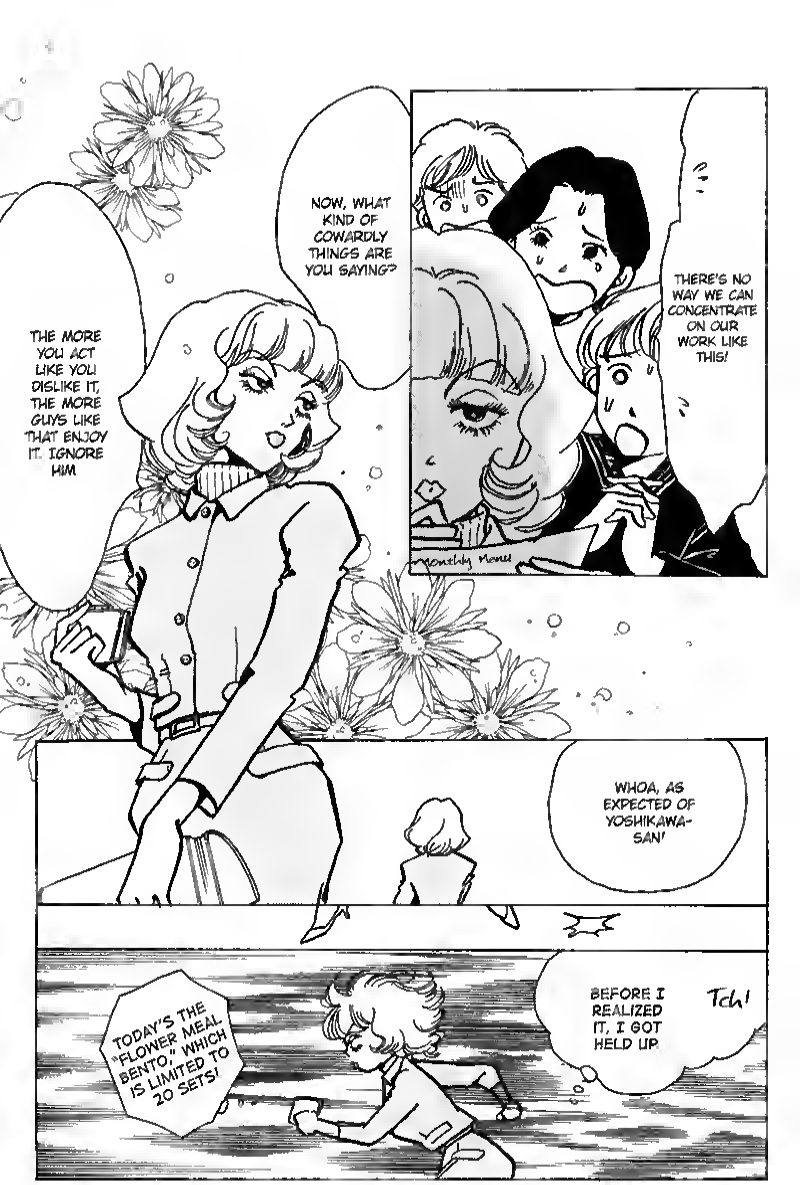
IT CERTAINLY IS THE PLACE KNOWN AS CIVIL SERVANT HEAVEN
HMM, I THINK BY THE LOWEST ESTIMATE IT WOULD BE 200,000 OR MORE
NOW MUCH IS THE MARKET PRICE IF YOU THINK OF IT IN NORMAL RENT?

SFX. <SSSSSH>

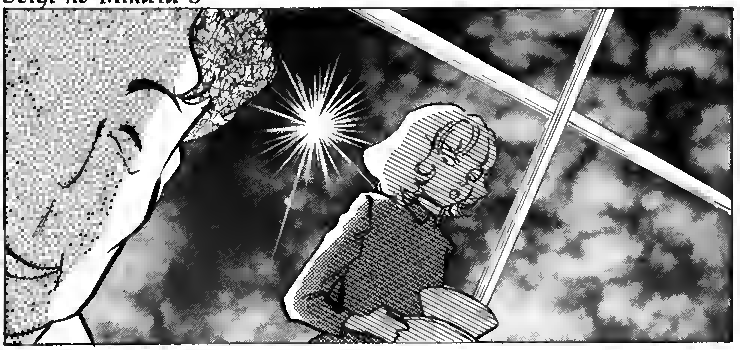

COME TO THINK OF IT, DIDN'T TODA-SAN QUIT?
THEY'RE MAKING A LOT OF NOISE ABOUT CUTTING DOWN ON CIVIL SERVANTS
LATELY THE MEDIA HAS BEEN HANGING AROUND MY LODGING HOUSE

THEN MAYBE OUR OVERTIME WILL DE-CREASE A LITTLE!
SHE SAID SHE NEEDED TO DEVOTE HERSELF TO HER HOUSE-HOLD!
NO WAY!
EH?!
AHHH, IT'S NICE THAT THERE ARE SO MANY LADIES HERE.
HELLO, HELLO, I'M ICHIMURA
TO REPLACE TODA-SAN, WE'RE TEMPORARILY HAVING CHIEF ICHIMURA FROM THE EMPLOYMENT DIVISION TAKE OVER
SFX: <SHUDDER>
SFX: SPAT?
NICE TO MEET YOU.
AH, THAT'S A NICE REACTION. HOW CUTE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
EEK!

NO WAY!!
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT OLD GUY IS FAMOUS FOR BEING A PERVERT...
THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT KING?!
THAT'S AWFUL!
EHHH?
BUT HIS SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS TERRIBLE, AND NO MATTER HOW MANY WARNINGS THEY GIVE, HE NEVER CHANGES
HE GETS HIS WORK DONE QUICKLY,
IS A LIFESAVER!
SORRY, BUT—
FOR ME, GETTING RID OF THAT TROUBLE-SOME GUY.
PLEASE DO SOMETHING!
YOSHIKAWA-SAAAAN!


THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN CONCENTRATE ON OUR WORK LIKE THIS!
NOW, WHAT KIND OF COWARDLY THINGS ARE YOU SAYING?
THE MORE YOU ACT LIKE YOU DISLIKE IT, THE MORE GUYS LIKE THAT ENJOY IT. IGNORE HIM
WHOA, AS EXPECTED OF YOSHIKAWA-SAN!
Tch!
BEFORE I REALIZED IT, I GOT HELD UP.
TODAY'S THE "FLOWER MEAL BENTO," WHICH IS LIMITED TO 20 SETS!

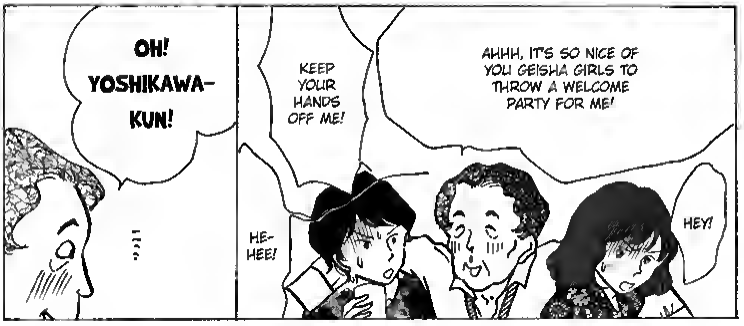
HERE...
YOUR "FLOWER MEAL BENTO"
AS I THOUGHT, THEY'RE ALL LINED UP, AIMING FOR A "FLOWER MEAL."
Tch!
HUH?
THAT WAS THE LAST ONE
Pant Pant
I'LL ALSO HAVE ONE OF THE SAME
IT'S A "FLOWER MEAL BENTO," YOU KNOW. I'LL GIVE YOU HALF.
N-NO, I'M FINE.
I JUST SWITCHED DEPARTMENTS, SO I'M LONELY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE LUNCH WITH ME?
PLEASE STOP!

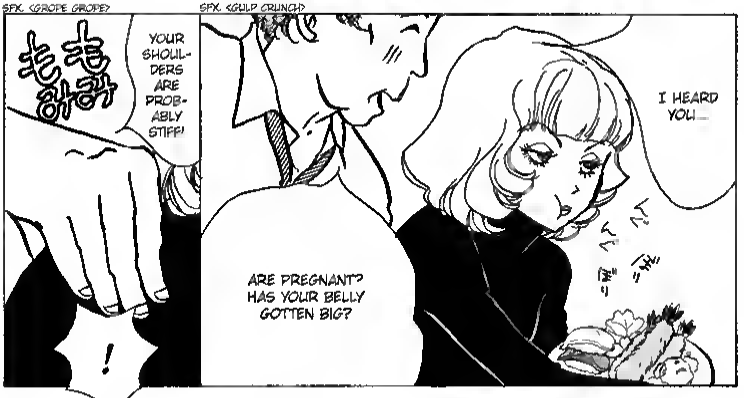


MY SISTER
WAS PETTIER
THAN ANYONE

Kya-i
Hahaha!
Ahahaha!
Kyahaha!

Wahahah
Kyaaa! Hahaha
SFX: CRUNCH RIP CRUNCH GOBBLE?


OH! YOSHIKAWA-KUN!
...
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF ME!
HE-HEE!
AHHH, IT'S SO NICE OF YOU! GEISHA GIRLS TO THROW A WELCOME PARTY FOR ME!
HEY!


SFX: GROPE GROPE?
SFX: GULP CRUNCH?
YOUR SHOULDERS ARE PROBABLY STIFF!
!
I HEARD YOU...
ARE PREGNANT? HAS YOUR BELLY GOTTEN BIG?

Ah!
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SFX: <GUARD>
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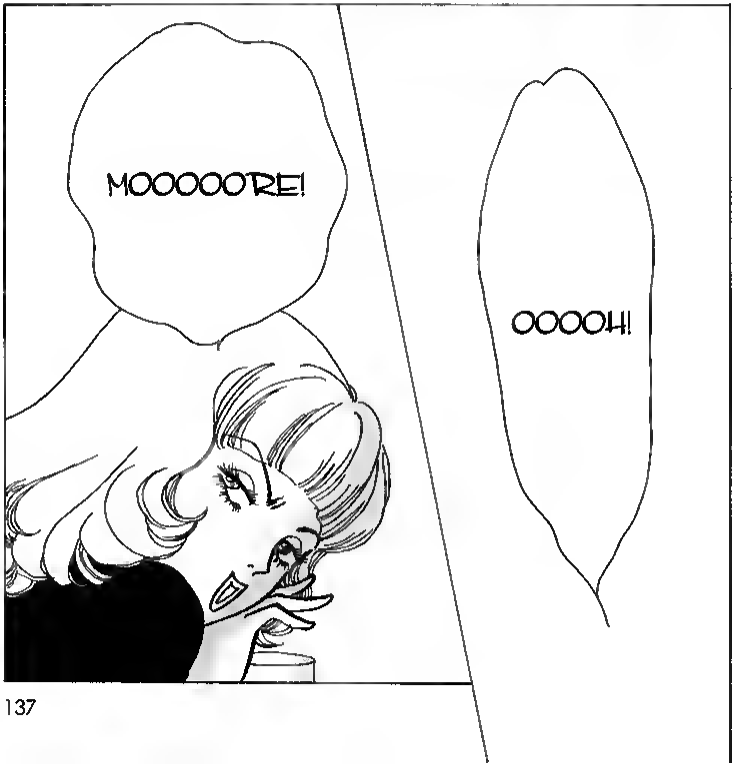
MOOOOORE!
OOOOH!

SFX: GHOOO
AH...
ER...
DO MORE!
THEY AAAAARE STIFF!
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SFX: GHAHP
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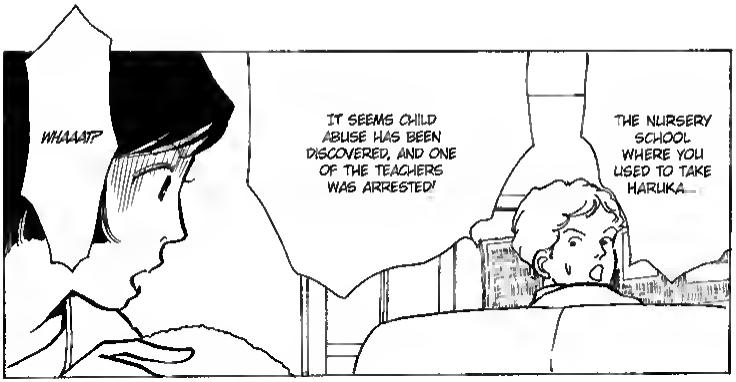
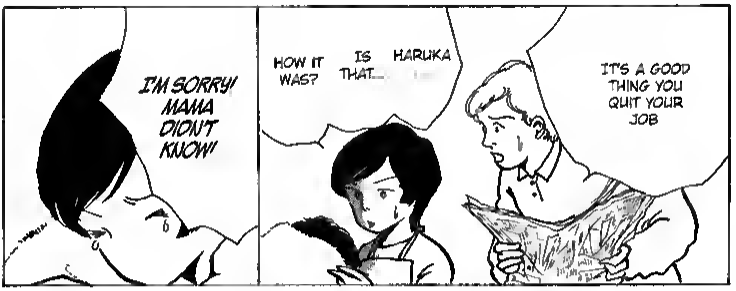
THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT KING ISN'T HARASSING?!
EHHH?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT THAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT KING ICHIMURA, RIGHT?
NO WAY!
HE'S QUIETLY DOING HIS JOB
I FOUND OUT HOW TO GET RID OF HIM
AND OUR OVERTIME DECREASED, IT'S VERY PLEASANT
YOU KNOW, WE...
HAVE AN ALLY OF JUSTICE!
SFX: SPATTER PATTER, SCREECH?
HEY HEY, HURRY AND PUT SOME CLOTHES ON! WAIT!
HUH?
HEY, MIKI! IT'S TERRIBLE!


WHAAAT?
IT SEEMS CHILD ABUSE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, AND ONE OF THE TEACHERS WAS ARRESTED!
THE NURSERY SCHOOL WHERE YOU USED TO TAKE HARUKA



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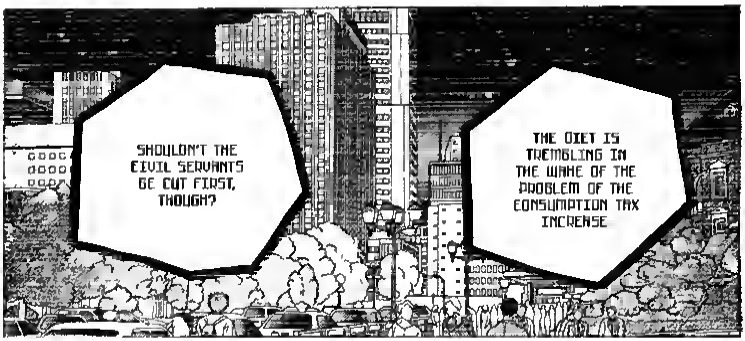
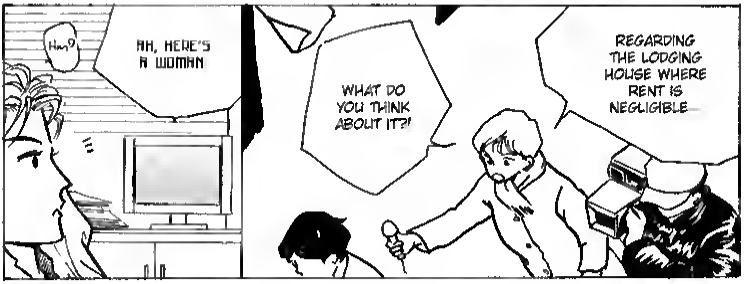
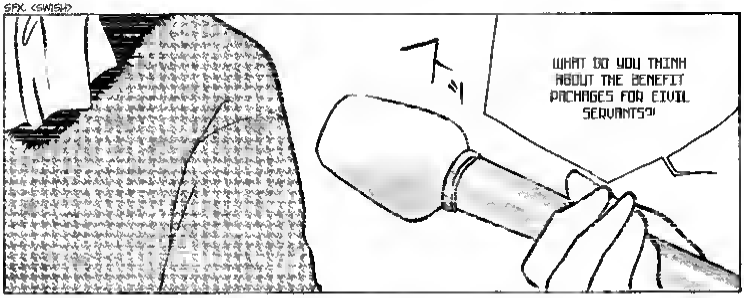
HEY, TODAY FOR SURE I WANT TO STOP SOMEWHERE FOR FOOD ON THE WAY HOME.
AH, MAKI-CHAN?
SFX: <RRRRRING>
I HAVE TO WRITE THE CABINET MINISTER'S SPEECH FOR TOMORROW
TAKE THIS
SORRY.
I HEARD THEY'VE OPENED A NEW SUSHI PLACE AND THE SERVINGS ARE PRETTY LARGE
IF YOU WANT TO EAT THERE SO BADLY, GO ON BY YOURSELF. ORDER AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.
THAT'S PROBABLY NO GOOD
AH, THIS TOO!
WELL, WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?
See.
I...


SHOULDN'T THE CIVIL SERVANTS BE CUT FIRST, THOUGH?
THE DIET IS TREMBLING IN THE WAKE OF THE PROBLEM OF THE CONSUMPTION TAX INCRENSE

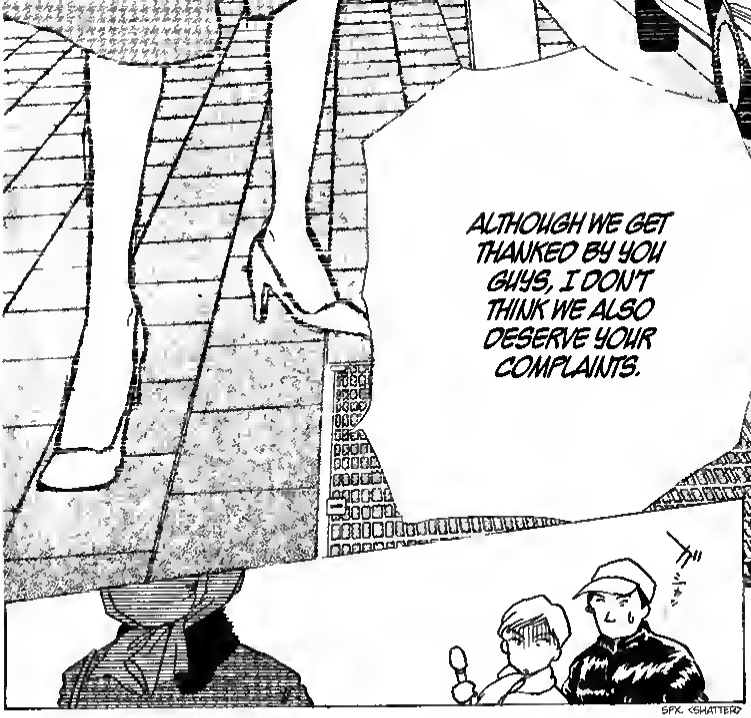
EXCUSE ME, PLEASE SPEAK WITH ME
I'M HERE IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES


Hm?
AH, HERE'S A WOMAN
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?!
REGARDING THE LODGING HOUSE WHERE RENT IS NEGLIGIBLE


SFX: <SMASH>
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE BENEFIT PACKAGES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT WHEN I'M IN A BAD MOOD?!

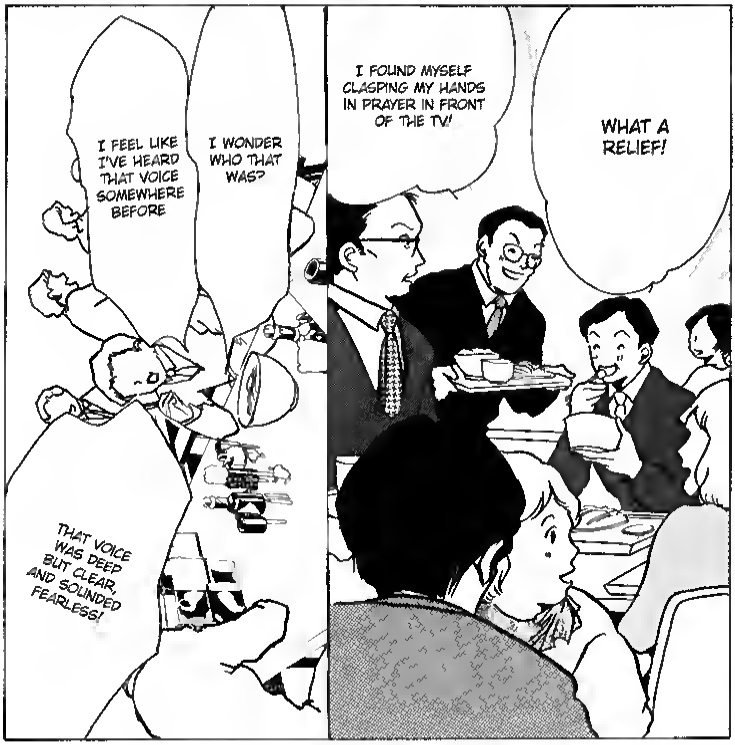
FOR THE SAKE OF MY COUNTRY, I WORK UNTIL THE EARLY MORNING, AND I LEAVE HOME AGAIN IN THE EARLY MORNING!
I DO MY JOB WITH 50 TIMES AS MUCH EFFORT AS ANYONE.


ALTHOUGH WE GET THANKED BY YOU GUYS, I DON'T THINK WE ALSO DESERVE YOUR COMPLAINTS.
SFX. <SHATTER>

Ah, I dropped it!
Hey, you, the camera!
Ah!

HM, NAOKI-SAN?
EH?!
YOU WANT TO GO OUT NOW?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR WO...
MAKI-CHAN!

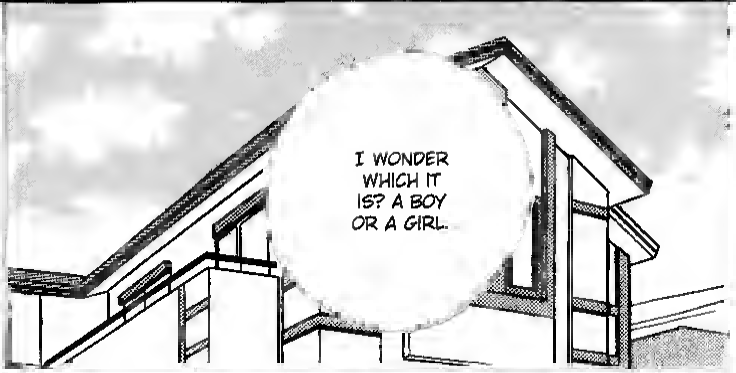
DID YOU SEE YESTERDAY'S VARIETY SHOW?!
I DID, I DID!

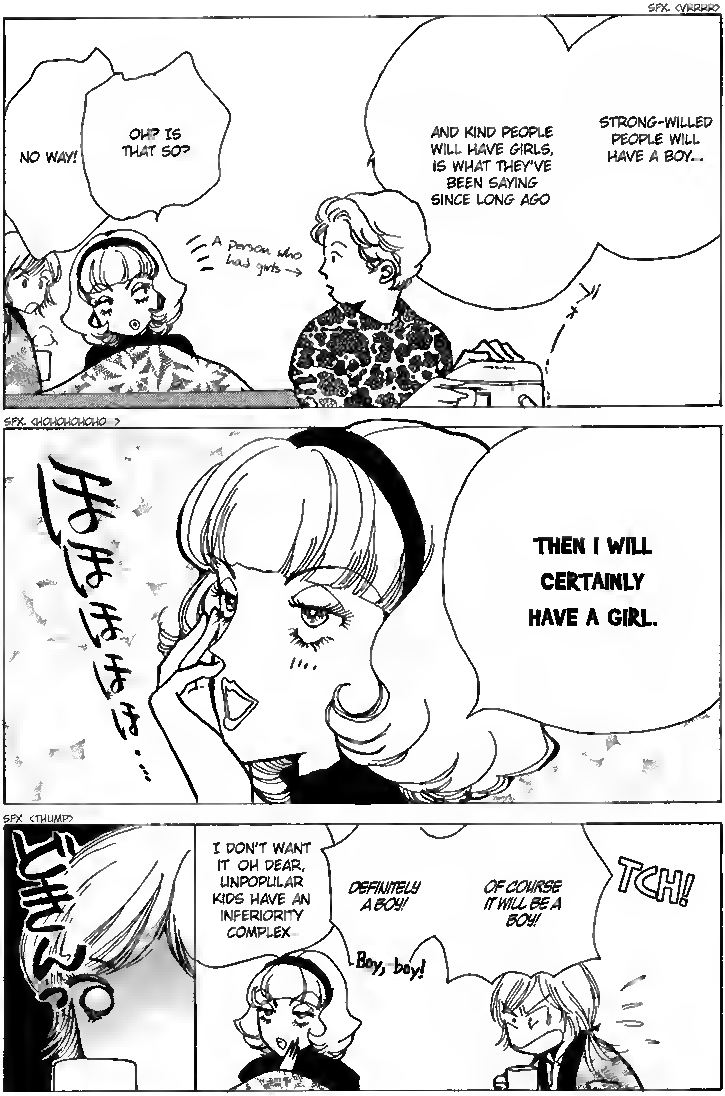

WHAT A RELIEF!
I FOUND MYSELF CLASPING MY HANDS IN PRAYER IN FRONT OF THE TV!
I WONDER WHO THAT WAS?
I FEEL LIKE I'VE HEARD THAT VOICE SOMEWHERE BEFORE
THAT VOICE WAS DEEP BUT CLEAR, AND SOUNDED FEARLESS!

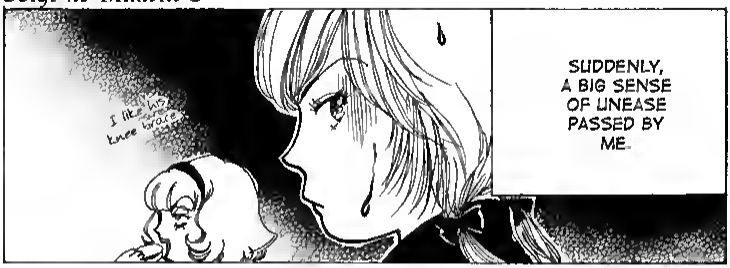
AH!
ONE DELUXE FLOWER MEAL.
OHHHH.....

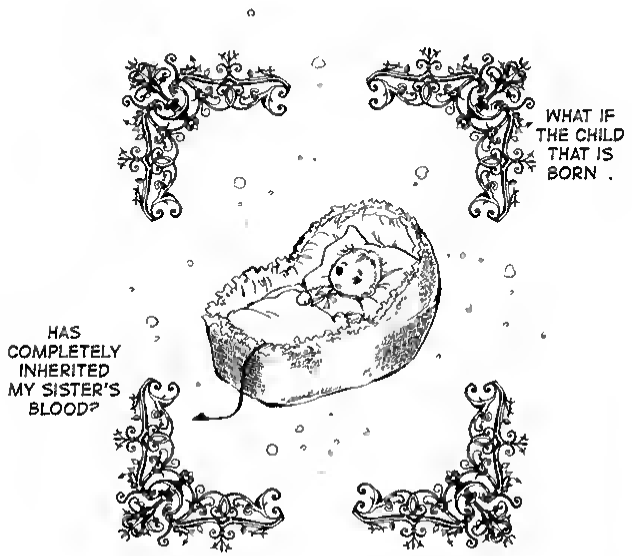
WHAT?
SHE BRINGS HAPPINESS TO THOSE AROUND HER
WHILE LIVING BY HER OWN DESIRES

THE PUBLIC CALLS MY SISTER AN "ALLY OF JUSTICE."


I WONDER WHICH IT IS? A BOY OR A GIRL.


SFX: <WHRRR>
NO WAY!
OH? IS THAT SO?
A person who has girls →
AND KIND PEOPLE WILL HAVE GIRLS, IS WHAT THEY'VE BEEN SAYING SINCE LONG AGO
STRONG-WILLED PEOPLE WILL HAVE A BOY..
SFX: <HOHOHOHOHO>
THEN I WILL CERTAINLY HAVE A GIRL.
SFX: <THUMP>
I DON'T WANT IT. OH DEAR, UNPOPULAR KIDS HAVE AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX
DEFINITELY A BOY!
OF COURSE IT WILL BE A BOY!!
TCH!
Boy, boy!


I like his knee bone.
SUDDENLY, A BIG SENSE OF UNEASE PASSED BY ME.


WHAT IF THE CHILD THAT IS BORN .
HAS COMPLETELY INHERITED MY SISTER'S BLOOD?

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